

# The Retriever Review

*The monthly newsletter of the Colorado River Retriever Club*

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## **KOSTER'S KORNER**

*A Message from our President*

Well another Colorado River Retriever Club's hunt test has come and gone, and what a success it was! It was great seeing so many club members come together to make our Feb. hunt test a success. All of you deserve a big pat on the back for a job well done. Ralph Linkenhoker did a great job as hunt test chairman; covering all of the details necessary to make this hunt test successful. Enough cannot be said of all of the fine work that Maria Jefferies did as secretary of the event. She had everything ready on time and in an orderly fashion so that our guests had all of the information that they needed so that they could show up at the proper hunt test site and run their dogs in an orderly fashion. The premium books were great! Thanks to our advertisers that advertised in the premium books. This really helped to defray the printing costs. Thanks so much to you guys for all of your hard work. Obtaining birds for our events has become a little more challenging than in the past. We had to find a new supplier and Steve Jefferies as bird steward did a great job. Thanks to Steve and his crew Billy Stevens and Jerry King for preparing our birds each day. Thanks need to go out to all of our site marshals. They once again stepped up to the plate and delivered a stellar performance. Thanks, Matt Hickl, Jerry King, Dave Brannon, Glenda Akeroyd, Donna & Rex Westbrook, Dick & Dianna Beauflis, and LeAnn Wroth for a job well done!

The raffle once again was a great success due to the hard work of Tracy Stevens, Maria Jefferies, JoAnn Linkenhoker, and Michelle Spradley. With Tracy leading the team, we managed to make somewhere around \$1,000.00 on our raffle. Tracy managed to sell all 52 of the cards for our shotgun raffle for the second hunt test in a row! Thank you to all of the people who donated gifts for our raffle.

To Randy Crable and his crew for managing all of our equipment - THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE! We did not experience a single breakdown or malfunction all weekend.

We say it every hunt, and I will say it again, Thanks Jimmy and Chris for all of the wonderful food and drinks. A special thanks needs to go out to Dave Brannon for cooking the steaks for our Judge's dinner Friday night. He graciously agreed to step in for Jimmy at the last minute and did a great job. Thanks "Doc"!

There were a lot of other people in our club that stepped up and helped out where ever they were needed, you know who you are and the club thanks you. These were the people behind the scenes setting up and tearing down equipment, picking up trash so that Billy Stevens and I could haul it off.

Of course we need to thank our Judges and Bird Technicians for a job well done.

Thanks again to everyone for stepping up! It is great to be a part of such an active, hard working club!

On a different subject, the Koster family would like to thank all of you for your prayers and concerns during my dad's recent illness. The power of prayer is a glorious thing. Dad should be at home by mid month.

Remember, good things happen to good people.

## FEBRUARY MEETING

The meeting was held on February 14, 2007 at the Golden Coral in Alvin, TX. Those present were Rex & Donna Westbrook, Billy & Tracy Stephens, Steve & Maria Jefferies, Don Koster, Becky Manney, Janet Kimbrough, Jimmy & Jody Nealy, Kyle Cooper, Cindy Yarbrough, Ron, Alan & Zeb Fruidenberg, Bill Chapman, Lee Ann Wroth, Jerry King, Roy Barnes, Ralph & JoAnn Linkenhoker, Sam Harkins, Randy & Peggy Crable, Don & Ceresa Hough, Michelle Spradley.

Don asked that the minutes from the December meeting be accepted, Ralph Linkenhoker made the motion to accept the minutes and Jerry King seconded it, all were in favor. Don recognized our guest Kyle Cooper and his mother Cindy Yarbrough and had them introduce themselves.

**OFFICERS REPORT:** Don Koster and Randy Crable didn't have anything new to report. Michelle Spradley gave the Treasures report and said we have \$4793.44. Donna Westbrook reported that we had 2 new members this month, Coy Sims and Scott Lemmon, bringing our club to 79 members. We have 55 members who have renewed their membership for this year and she reminded everyone to get their dues paid. She reported that we were well represented at the first Hunt Test of the season. We had 24 handlers who ran 44 dogs and 6 judges from our Club at Raven's Way HT in Madisonville. She also reminded everyone to turn in their passes and titles from any hunt test they go to this year.

**OLD BUSINESS: *Hunt Test Update-*** Ralph Linkenhoker said everything for the Hunt Test was on track. We had one change in the judges. Don and Ralph went to the HT grounds and picked out assigned areas for each test. All the birds and food are scheduled for delivery. Maria Jefferies said the ribbons and dog food are in. She said she had gotten \$250 worth of sponsors to pay for our HT book. Tracy Stephens said the raffle was ready and we had some really nice items. Janet said she could run the test dog on Sunday and Jerry King said he could run the Started Test dog both days. Jerry also said he could bring ice. Project Graduation will be doing the bird technician jobs and they will be all Senior Boys from West Columbia High School. Ralph reminded the marshals to try and get the test started on time and we also need to make sure that all spectators sign in. *T-Shirt/Hat Committee-*Sam Harkins brought some samples of some hat and shirts. He said we could get the caps for \$7.50 with club logo embroidered on it and the shirts would be \$15.50 with silk screen logo on back. We also have several members interested in club jackets and Tracy Stephens said she would check on the price and then Donna will email everyone and give them a chance to buy one.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Don said we will need someone to be the Hunt Test Marshal and Secretary for our June HT. We will be using Janet's new hunt test secretary service for our entries and book. The June HT will be the first weekend in June. He said that elections for the National HRC Officers will be soon. We will be voting on Vice President and Treasurer. The President and Secretary have one term left. He also said that training will resume at Jack Brook's Park starting the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June and run until August. Jimmy Nealy said anyone who is running a dog in the Grand and would like to train the week before at his lease should contact him. Janet also said she had found a hotel for \$225 for the week and anyone going to the Grand who wants this information, just give her a call. A motion made that we adjourn, it was seconded and all were in favor.

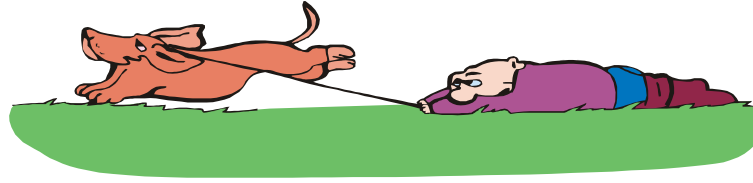


### ***A Note from Your Secretary-***

***I hope everyone has been having good luck at the Hunt Tests in the area! Be sure to send me all your titles and passes from each one. They can be AKC or HRC. Also, if you haven't sent in your membership dues for 2007, be sure to get them in. The deadline to stay on the active club list is March 31, 2007. I want to wish Janet Kimbrough good luck in her new venture with the hunt test secretary website and service. The service will be doing the Lone Star HRC HT and the Bryan College Station HRC HT for their first customers!!!***



## UPCOMING HUNT TEST



**Pontchatrain HRC HT** March 17 & 18  
LOC: Boone Carrie Spillway/ Norco, LA

**Lone Star HRC HT** March 24 & 25  
LOC: Owens Ranch/Bowie, TX

**Bryan College Station HRC HT** March 31 & April 1  
LOC: Brannon Ranch/College Station, TX

**Cajun HRC HT** March 31 & April 1  
LOC: Esterwood K of C/Esterwood, LA

**HRC GRAND** April 21-25  
LOC: Maud, TX

For more information and premiums go to [www.huntingretrieverclub.org/](http://www.huntingretrieverclub.org/)

**Greater Golden AKC HT** April 7 (Sat only, Junior & Senior)  
LOC: Anderson, TX/entries close March 28

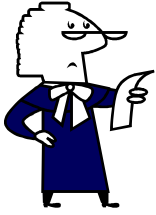
**Alamo AKC HT** April 14 & 15  
LOC: D'Hanis, TX/entries close April 4

**Port Arthur AKC HT** April 21 & 22  
LOC: Hamshire, TX/entries close April 11

**Tejas AKC HT** April 28 & 29  
LOC: Giddings, TX/entries close April 18

**Heart of Texas AKC HT** May 5 & 6  
LOC: Buckholts, TX/entries close April 24

For more information or to enter go to [www.entryexpress.net](http://www.entryexpress.net)  
For a calendar listing of HRC and AKC HT go to [www.texasretrievers.org](http://www.texasretrievers.org)



## HERE COMES THE JUDGE

Below are listed upcoming judge's assignments for your fellow club members who volunteer their time as HRC judges. We also have club members who judge AKC Hunt Test. Be sure to thank them for their dedication to our sport when you see them.

### **Lone Star HRC HT** March 24 & 25

Janet Kimbrough-Finished Saturday

Dave Brannon-Finished Saturday

### **Bryan College Station HRC HT** March 31 & April 1

Mike Nutter-Started Saturday

Mike Akeroyd-Seasoned Saturday/Started Sunday

Jimmy Nealy-Finished Saturday & Sunday

Ralph Linkenhoker-Finished Saturday

Dan Negrin-Finished Saturday

Robert Hines-Finished Saturday & Sunday

Don Koster-Started Sunday

Bob Brundrett-Finished Sunday



## TITLES AND PASSES

Our club members had great success this month at Hunt Tests. Here's a list of their accomplishments. Be sure to turn in your passes so you can get the credit you deserve!!

### **Colorado River HRC HT**

Feb 17 & 18, 2007

Oliver of Green Acres "Ollie"/Vicki Skowron

Started Pass (Sat)

Thirdcoast Tailormade Marx "Drake"/Allen Lambert

Started Pass (Sat)

SHR SLC Alley's Gator "Gator"/Billy Stephens

Started Pass ( Sat ) Started Title (Sun)

SHR Belveder's Southern Gold "Cooper"/Kyle Cooper

Started Pass (Sat) Started Title (Sun)

SHR Wildrose's Cooterville "Coot"/Don Hough

Started Pass (Sat) Started Title (Sun)

SHR Maggie Mae "Maggie"/Scott Orr

Started Title (Sat)

Highland Bayou Gandergoindown "Goose"/Roy Barnes

Seasoned Pass (Sat & Sun)

Hartland's Jager "Jake"/Kirk Warren

Seasoned Pass (Sat)

R & B's Abbigale "Abbie"/Bill Chapman

Seasoned Pass (Sat & Sun)

Mister Bojangles "Bo"/Sam Harkins

Seasoned Pass (Sat)

Nutter's Chili Pepper Peanut "Peanut"/Mike (Sat) and Lisa Nutter(Sun)

Seasoned Pass (Sat & Sun)

HR Doctor Dave's Ruddy Drake JH "Drake"/Dave Brannon

HR Title (Sat)

HR Palm's Major Effort "Major"/Mason Mitchell  
HR Title (Sat)  
HR Elm Creek's Jack of Diamonds JH "Jack"/Dick Beaufils  
HR Title (Sat)  
HR Westbrook's South Texas Pedro "Pete"/Rex Westbrook  
Finished Pass (Sat)  
HRCH Viking's FB1 Surfer Girl "Gidget"/Don Koster  
Finished Pass (Sun)  
HRCH Jefferies Riptide Cash Force SH "Tater"/Steve Jefferies  
Finished Pass (Sat & Sun)  
GRHRCH UH Watermark's All That Jazz MH "Jazz"/Rody Best  
Finished Pass (Sat & Sun)  
HRCH UH High Praises Dark Chocolat with Nuts "Wagars"/Janet Kimbrough  
Finished Pass (Sat & Sun) 500 Point Club!!!!!!

### **Lake Charles HRC HT**

March 3 & 4, 2007

Katarina of Doverhill "Katie"/Michelle Spradley  
Seasoned Pass (Sat)  
HR Nutter's Chili Pepper Peanut "Peanut"/Lisa Nutter  
HR Title (Sat)  
GRHRCH UH Charlie's Running Weedeater MH "Charlie"/Dow Anderson (Daren Hearn, owner)  
Finished Pass

### **Bryan College Station AKC HT**

March 3 & 4, 2007

K & W's Duck Commander in Chief "Chief"/Garrett Bigelow  
Junior Pass (Sat & Sun)  
HRCH Jefferies Marsh Cricket SH "Cricket"/Steve Jefferies  
Senior Title (Sun)  
HR Westbrook's EagleEye Commander "Chief"/Rex Westbrook  
Senior Pass (Sun)  
HRCH Flying V Zig Zag'n Zoe "Zoe"/Steve Jefferies  
Senior Pass (Sun)  
HRCH UH High Praises Houdini "Houdi"/Dave Brannon  
Master Pass (Sat/Sun)  
HRCH Jefferies Riptide Cash Force "Tater"/Steve Jefferies  
Master Pass (Sat/Sun)  
HRCH UH High Praise Dark Chocolat With Nuts "Wagars"/Janet Kimbrough  
Master Pass (Sat/Sun)

### **Four States HRC HT**

March 3 & 4, 2007

GRHRCH UH Watermark's All That Jazz "Jazz"/Rody Best  
Finished Pass (Sat & Sun)

### **Tejas HRC HT**

Feb 24 & 25, 2007

Shadow's Duckwater Dutchess "Dutchess"/Garrett Bigelow  
Started Pass  
HRCH UH High Praises Dark Chocolat with Nuts "Wagars"/Janet Kimbrough  
Finished Pass (Sat)  
HRCH Britton's Texas Duck Angel "Angel"/Paul Britton  
Finished Pass (Sat) HRCH Title (Sun)

## **Brazosport AKC HT**

March 10 & 11, 2007

K & W's Duck Commander in Chief "Chief"/Garrett Bigelow

Junior Pass (Sat)

HR Westbrook's EagleEye Commander "Chief"/Rex Westbrook

Senior Pass (Sun)

HRCH Flying V Zig Zag'n Zoe "Zoe"/Steve Jefferies

Senior Pass (Sun)

HRCH Jefferies Riptide Cash Force "Tater"/Steve Jefferies

Master Pass (Sat/Sun)



## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!**

We have three new members this month!!!! We want to welcome Roland & Cindy Yarborough & Kyle Cooper. They are from Manvel and have 2 Golden Retrievers named "Cooper" and "Summer". We welcome Matt Tischler. He is from Brazoria and has a black female lab puppy named "Bailey". We welcome Dennis & Debora McKibben. They are from Sugarland and have a male chocolate lab named "Otter" and a male black lab named "Logen".



## **REMINDERS!!!!**

**If you haven't paid your dues for this year, be sure to get those sent in to Donna as soon as possible!!!**

**Remember to access the Newsletter and membership list on line, go to [www.crrcinc.org](http://www.crrcinc.org) then click on Retriever Review, the user name is crrcinc and the password is lablovers. Also, be sure to register on the message board! If you have any questions or problems with the website just send me an email at [rexndonna@earthlink.net](mailto:rexndonna@earthlink.net)**

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 14, 2007 AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL ON HWY 35 IN ALVIN! THE MEETING STARTS AT 7 PM SO COME EARLY AND ENJOY SOME FOOD AND AS ALWAYS, LOTS OF DOG TALK!**